

DRAFTJOINT TOPOGRAPHICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

19 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT WAR PLANS COMMITTEE:

Attention: Captain P. V. Mercer

Subject: JANIS Priority List

Reference: J.I.C. 306/16, Annex to Appendix "A".

1. Informal discussion of the JANIS priority list with members of the Joint War Plans Committee brought out a need for some revision of the list, and the Director, JISPB was asked to make recommendations.

2. The following changes are recommended:

a. That JANIS 45, Bear and Jan Mayen Islands and JANIS 46, Spitsbergen Archipelago be dropped and JANIS 47, The North Polar Area be substituted. Additional areas, not included in present priority list, that would be covered by the proposed study are: Novaya Zemlya, Fridtjof Nansen Land (Zemlya Frantsa-iesifa), Severnaya Zemlya, Novo-Sibirskiye Ostrova Ostrov Vrangelya (Wrangel Island), and north coast of Alaska and Norway. In addition, it might be desirable to overlap [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The completion date for JANIS 47 will be approximately 1 November 1948.

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c. That the boundaries for JANIS 57, Trans Ural USSR, and JANIS 67, Northeastern Siberia, be revised to correspond with political and economic units as shown on attached map and that the name for JANIS 67 be changed to Eastern Siberia, USSR to agree with Russian usage.

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d. That a JANIS on Far Eastern Siberia, USSR (JANIS 63) be added which will combine and revise JANIS 73, Southeastern Siberia, JANIS 78 Kanchatka, JANIS 79 Sakhalin, and JANIS 80 Kurile Islands. JANIS 63 will then supersede JANIS 73, 78, 79 and 80 which are inadequate in the light of captured documents now available. The completion date for JANIS 63 will be approximately 1 July 1948.

e. That the boundaries of the JANIS' on Brazil be revised to correspond to political units as shown on attached map.

3. It is further recommended that a study be made to determine what other printed JANIS are in need of extensive revision and what recombination of areas is desirable to make them more suitable to present and future planning needs.

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Secretary.